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SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTES

Recent Meetings

On 5 December, 1982 Ralph and Lydia Muncy presented a slide and tape talk about their genealogical trip to England and Scotland. Using public transportation and staying in private homes for bed and breakfast they were able to search public and diocesan records offices in many cities including London, Bath, and Edinburgh.

Mrs. Kathy Bailey on 23 January, 1983 talked about the kinds of records held in Salt Lake City by the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. She described also the microfilm and microfische available through LDS libraries, such as the ones at Westland and Bloomfield Hills. A film showed the building of storage vaults in the Granite Mountains of Utah and the care being taken to preserve the records of families all over the world. Anyone may send family records to be preserved to the Genealogical Department (Ancestral File) 50 E. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

From Bobby Snow

The Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library(Univ. of Mich.) reports the 1910 Michigan census and soundex will be coming any day now.

A reminder to those who may have forgotten: the HHGL has microfilm copies of the complete Michigan census (1820-1900) with the soundex for 1880 (which lists only families with children under ten) and for 1900 (which lists all enumerated). These are in self-service drawers in the Microform room. In addition they have the hard-bound indexes for the 1830, 1840 and 1850 census for Michigan and the 1860 index for Wayne County behind the desk. You do not need to present ID of any sort to consult these indexes or use the microfilm. The staff in the Microform room is exceptionally helpful if you have problems.

Researching for Family History Capers

FHC is indebted to Karen Walker for assisting with the researching of this issue. With a lot of leg work and a detective's perseverance she was able to locate the large number of church records which are mentioned. In addition she is organizing new Salem cemetery information which will be placed in our library.

All members of GSWC are invited to join in these researching endeavors. Besides getting to know your county, you will find satisfaction in meeting many nice people and sharpening your genealogical skills.

IN MEMORIAM

LEIGH C. ANDERSON 1899-1983

A past president of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County and a scholar in his chosen field of chemistry, Leigh was a tireless worker in his many fields of interest. As president of our young society he made a significant contribution, which we appreciate, by encouraging our efforts to grow and develop.

SALEM DISTRICT SCHOOLS # 6 and # 4

The following information comes from a collection of original documents housed at Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Library and used with the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rich of South Salem Road, Plymouth, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Rich reside on a centennial farm purchased from the government in 1833 by Moses Rich.

Early Records of School District # 6.

10 Nov. 1855. Lafayette Corbin is directed by Michael W. Johnson, Township Clerk to notify all qualified voters in the area that the School Inspectors have established School District # 6 from parts of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, and 35. A public meeting to be held at the school house of former district # 4 is to be called by Mr. Corbin. The following residents were notified of this meeting: Seldin Birch, George Nelson, Omer Carpenter, Orson Packard, David Laphan, Harvey Packard, James Briant, Peter Hunt, William Hunt, James Bignall, Alonso Read, Moses Rich, Jonathan Bennett, Dedrich Dolle, Terry Hunt, Thomas Bussy, Major D. Gorton, A.E. TenEyck, Royal Wheelock, Asy Losy, M. Ovenshire, Henry Forshee, Liman Corbin, Oscar Corbin, James Whitaker, Grant Ovenshire, Henry Bowers, and John Limbarcker.

17 Nov. 1855. The organizational meeting with Royal Wheelock as moderator and James Bignall as secretary elected the following officers: James Bignall, Moderator, Royal Wheelock, Director, Lafayette W. Corbin, Assessor. It was moved to buy a school site from Major D. Gorton for $50.00 and to establish a site where there "used to be a school house formerly 30-40 rods west of the north-east corner of Section 26." Moved to sell or move old school house to site.

29 Nov. 1855. Agreed to buy the site from Major D. Gorton. Mr. Wheelock resigned as Director to be accepted 29 April 1856.

26 Jan. 1856. Royal Wheelock charged to hold a special meeting of voters in District # 6 to change the school site and to raise funds to move and repair the school house. Signed: A.F. Reed, MosesS. Rich, M.D.Gorton, Orson Packard, J.M. Limbacker.

6 Feb. 1856.Motion by A.T.Zemke to accept the deed of Major D. Gorton.

13 April 1856.Thomas Bussey appointed Director.

22----- 1856.Chas. M. Hagadorne appointed teacher for three months at #24.00/mo.

3 Oct. 1856. Major D. Gorton accepted as Moderator, Loren G. Ovenshire as Director and Lafayette W. Corbin as Assessor.

17 Nov. 1856. Mr. Ovenshire resigns and James Bignall is appointed to fill vacancy.

31 Jan. 1857. Agree to pay M.D.Gorton $50.00 one year from day with use at 10%.

18 Feb. 1857. N. VanBlarcum received $58.90 for repairs to school.

20 Mar. 1857.Chas. M. Hagadorne received $78.00 for teaching.

7 April 1857.Wm. W. Nash agreed to build a building six feet x twelve feet with a partition ...and to have a cornish like the school house....and to paint with two coats of white paint, also to paint the school.

18 April 1857.Thos. Bussey rec'd for the school $4.26 raised for repairs.

18 May 1857.Wm. N. Nash rec'd $15.00 for building privy, painting same and school.

28 Sep. 1857. Notes of acceptance from Major D. Gorton, Moderator, L.G.Ovenshire, Director, Ira Stanbro, Collector.

9 Nov. 1857. Willis H. Pratt appointed teacher for four months and to be paid $26.00 per month of 23 days.

8 Feb. 1858.Lyman Corbin appointed Director.

----Feb. 1858. Paid in full $50.00 to Major D. Gorton.

6 April 1858. Silas Pratt rec'd of Ira Stanbro $17.00 fpr W.H.Pratt.

10 May 1858. Amanda S. Porter, teacher for twenty weeks at #2.00 per week.

8 June 1858.Silas Pratt rec'd of Ira Stanbro $39.00 for W.H. Pratt.

1 Oct. 1858.Amanda S. Porter rec'd $16.00

15 Nov. 1858.W.P.Walker, teacher for 104 days at $104.00. Signed Loren G. Ovenshire, Director and James Bignall, Moderator.

2 May 1859. Amanda S. Porter, teacher for $17\frac{1}{2}$ weeks at 14 shillings per week.

24 Sep. 1859. A.S.Porter rec'd $21.59.

2 March 1860. Almira Morrison , teacher for 16 weeks at 12 shillings. Signed H. Forshee, Director and L. Corbin, Moderator.

20 May 1861. Note from Fred C. Wheeler, Township Clerk to Mr. Bignall; your primary school interest and library fund money is $24.43.

27 Feb. 1880. John H. Daly, teacher appointed by Henry Forshee, Director, Harvey Packard, Moderator and Joseph Doane, Assessor.

27 Feb. 1882. H. Burt, teacher. The following students are listed:

Chas VanAken	age 20	Burt Nelson	8	Carrie Sheffield	11
Abe VanAken	14	Frank Sheffield	7	Maggie Storey	10
Burt Rich	16	Cub Forshee	7	Nellie Doane	10
Thomas Heeney	14	Calvin Bussey	6	Mertie Bussey	9
Willie Chase	13	Willie Storey	6	Daisy Corson	9
Fred Packard	13	Haddie Forshee	14	Donna Packard	6
Angus Heeney	14	Martha Van Aken	18	Winnie Forshee	5
Robert Storey	13	Laurie Corson	14		
John Heeney	12	EDith Northrop	14		

Early Records of School District # 4.

17 Sept. 1839. Orson Packard sold for $3.00 to School District # 4 a site for a school house of one-eighth acre, being the SE corner of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22. Witnessed by Royal Wheelock and David P. Norton.

26 Jan 1853. Abram Randall rec'd $3.00 as part pay for services rendered. Signed H.A.Clements.

21 Nov. 1853. E.S.Roberts...qualified teacher...3 months at $20.00/mo. George Nelson, Director, P.L. Dennis, Moderator.

29 June 1854. Rec'd of Harvey Packard, Collector $31.25 part pay for last winter's bill which was $32.80. Note: $1.55 coming from John Brown and Jonathan Bennett.

3 Sept. 1854. Miss Cynthia A. Packard rec'd by hand of P.L.Dennis $30.00 from H. Packard for services as school teacher.

20 Nov. 1854. E.S.Roberts hired as teacher for three months at $23.00/mo. by David Lapham, Director.

24 Sept. 1860. School Inspectors T.D.Lane and W.H.Pratt certified Emeline Sheffield as a teacher in the schools of Salem.

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BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Barbara Snow

Cite Your Sources: A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records. By Richard S. Lackey. 1980. $5.00. Order from Polyanthos, Inc., Drawer 51359, New Orleans, LA 70151.(Copy in Society Library)

The first sentence of the forward of this book is a concise statement of the author's intent: "The purpose of this manual is to provide genealogists with an uncomplicated, yet academically acceptable guide to basic citations." He then proceeds to do just that, in as clear and straightforward a manner as his opening statement.

The book is divided into three parts. Part 1, "Documenting Research" is a brief essay, punctuated with examples, that explains the importance of accurate and consistent documentation and provides a brief overview of the purpose and requirements of citations. Part 11, "Citation Forms" takes up the bulk of the book. He gives specific format for citing every conceivable source. A section on books, pamphlets and monographs and one on serials cover citations for published sources. Then a long section on unpublished sources tells how to cite such diverse sources as tax lists, oral interviews, courthouse records, letters and many others. Part 111, "Short or Second Use of Notes" just explains how to refer back to a previous citation.

The table of contents to this book is a well organized and complete outline of the book. You can locate easily almost any type of record you need to check. A detailed index then serves to help you locate the finer points; combined they make this a very handy book to use.

If you are thinking of ever publishing (and doesn't everyone harbor some desire to do just that?) now is the time to check out this book so that you will know what kind of bibliographic records you should be keeping along the way. "Just doing it for your children"? Think you will never publish, so this book is not for you? When I started researching my mother's side I thought I had a gold mine of information. A cousin of my grandmother's had collected and written down data on our family that went back to a Revolutionary War soldier. So I rushed out and got my DAR papers, convinced I had a cinch application. Well, things are not going well. As far as I know I am the only one in the family to do any research since cousin Mabel and I can't prove anything she left me! I don't know how she knew that at age 14, following the death of her parents and siblings in a cholera epidemic, Mary Eliza Richards married one David Spillman "a widowere and resident of Ohio". I have confirmed a few things from her work and found a few errors, but on the whole I am spending hours and hours on something that has already been done. Her notes are long gone. You can't really blame her for not putting citations in a letter she wrote to my grandmother- but, oh, if she had I would bless her foresightedness!

DR. JAMES SWEENY, SALEM TOWNSHIP AND LENAWEE COUNTY

R. Whitaker

Dr. James Sweeny practiced medicine in the vicinity of Salem Township from about 8 May 1834 to 1 March 1835. His account book, which is filed with Salem Township records at the Bentley Library, holds a wealth of information concerning patients, medicines, and various commodities and items which were used as payment for his services. There are teaching certifications inserted in the account book that place Dr. Sweeny in several towns in New York. His residences, and dates indicated either by the documents or the account book are as follows:

28 Feb 1828	Hopewell, Ontario County , New York
26 July 1828	The principal of Ovid Academy testifies that James Sweeny was a "Good Citizen" while attending the academy.
4 April 1829	Ovid, Seneca County, New York
24 Jan 1831	Romulus, Seneca County, New York
25 Nov 1831	Benton, Yates County, New York
9 May 1833	Addison, Steuben County, New York
8 May 1833	Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan Territory
1 March 1835	Fairfield, Lenawee County, Michigan

Dr. Sweeny's account book shows that he took a trip to New York from 22 July to 27 August 1834, and that he often received letters from his former residences.

While living in Salem Township, Dr. Sweeny boarded with Robert Purdy, an early pioneer of that area. After moving to Lenawee County, he was the first physician in the area of Morenci, Seneca Township. (Seneca was formed from Fairfield.) He was the first township treasurer in 1836, and was supervisor in 1842. In 1846 he was a representative from Lenawee County to the State Legislature.

U.S. Census 1850 Lenawee County, Michigan, Seneca Township. 15 August.

# 939	James Sweeney	42	Physician	NY
	? Charity	35	NY	
	Adalaide	12	MI	
	Jane E.	7	MI	

The name " Jane Eliza Sweeny" is written carefully and in a fluid handwriting several times on the inside cover of the account book. The 1874 Atlas of Lenawee County shows Mrs. Sweeny's name on 240 acres in Section 31 of Seneca Township.

The account book records patients served in Addison, New York, Salem, Michigan, and Fairfield, Michigan. The following names appear in the Salem Township record. Noted only is the first time the name appears.

BINGHAM, Mr.	1 Jun 1834
BLACKMAN, William	17 Sep 1834
BLACKWOOD, Joseph	1 Sep 1834
BLACKWOOD, Robert	13 Jun 1834
BRITAIN, Jacob	27 Aug 1834
BROWN, James	28 Aug 1834
CALKINS ---	18 Sep 1834
CLARK, Linus	4 Sep 1834
CLARK, Phineas T.	5 Jul 1834
COUNTRYMAN, D.	10 Jan 1835
...visit a pat. at...	
DEAN ---	1 Sep 1834
DOANE, Erastus	29 Nov 1834
DONE, Alexander	29 May 1834
DUNCAN, Alexander	17 Oct 1834
DUNCAN, James	12 Sep 1834
EDDY, Mr.	23 Dec 1834
ELLIS, John	12 Jun 1834
FERRIS, Thos. (for Joseph)	23 May 1834
FITCH, Elijah	28 May 1834
GARDNER---	14 Oct 1834
GODFREY, Hiram	2 Jun 1834
GOODALE, Leonard C.	8 May 1834
HOUGHTALING, Mr.	30 May 1834
HATHAWAY, Joseph	19 May 1834
HALL, Northrop L.	30 May 1834
HERRICK, Elijah	24 Sep 1834
LOWELL, William	21 Sep 1834

MADISON ---	17 Sep 1834
MEAD ---	10 Jan 1835
MILLER, David	19 May 1834
MURRAY, James H.	9 Dec 1834
MURRAY ---	13 Jun 1834
OLDS, Alonzo W.	29 Aug 1834
OLDS, Ira M.	2 Jun 1834
PARKER, More	18 Jun 1834
PARTO, Morris	9 Oct 1834
PARTOW, Mr.	10 Jan 1835
PEER, Jacob chg.	Jul/Aug 1834
PHILLIPS, Peter	5 Oct 1834
PLACE, Charles	9 Oct 1834
PURDY, Archibald	30 May 1834
SANDFORD, John	12 Jun 1834
SESSIONS---	22 Sep 1834
SMITH, William G.	30 Aug 1834
SPRAGUE, Oscar chg.	Jul/Aug 1834
STODDARD, Geo.M.	29 May 1834
THOMPSON, Michael chg.	Jul/Aug 1834
THOMPSON, R.R.	1 Oct 1834
THOMPSON, Robert	12 Jun 1834
WALKER, I.	8 Nov 1834
WALKER, IRA	23 Jun 1834
WALKER, Otis	3 Jun 1834
WALTERS, John	15 Jul 1834
WHITTAM, Mrs.	29 Aug 1834
YERKES, Titus	13 Jun 1834

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SHELLENBERGER CEMETERY, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

By Karen Walker

For lack of a known name and because it is on Shellenberger Road we call this abandoned cemetery the Shellenberger Cemetery. This is the cemetery that was mentioned in the October, 1982 Family History Capers.

This cemetery is on land owned orginally by Aaron D. Truesdale.He deeded three-quarters of an acre to the Saline School District # 5 on 29 Dec 1851; ... "being the same piece of land now enclosed by a rail fence and used and occupied as a grave yard or cemetery...for use and purpose as a cemetery." The 1874 and 1915 Atlases of Washtenaw County indicate a cemetery in the south west quarter of Section 11.

As far as we can find out, there were only about five stones in the cemetery. All that remains today is one footstone and an obelesk monument which is lying on the ground.

Information on the obelisk:

Marcus Wheaton Died---Nov 1846 Aged 37 yrs
Catherine, his wife, Died May 18, 1847
Mary Ann, their daughter, Aged 8 mos

Our Father and Mother are gone,
They lay beneath the sod,
Dear parents tho we miss you much,
We know you rest with God.

Footstone initials: C.W.

Marcus Wheaton owned 80 acres of land in Section 12, Bridgewater Township as well as land in Saline Township. His probate records (1851), Mr. Wm. A. Aulls (J.P.) administrator, indicate his death occurred on or about 17 September, 1848 and that his wife died afterward, leaving minor children: Marcus G. Wheaton, G---(Gonsallus? George?) E. Wheaton, Henry Wheaton, Reuben Wheaton and Phebe Wheaton. The claims against the estate were for a coffin and medical expenses for Marcus and wife among other items. A William Wheaton was allowed only half of his claim of $6.75. No mention was made of a tombstone.

On 27 February, 1863 Mr. Aron S. Feldkamp bought land (now 160 acres) from George M. Wheaton and Elizabeth his wife, Marcus G. Wheaton, Henry Wheaton, Phebe and William Graham. Reuben Wheaton, a single man, gave his quit claim on 17 April, 1865.

SALEM TOWNSHIP

By Irene Lyke

Settlement was slow in Michigan before 1820 at which time Congress passed an act allowing the sale of land in parcels of less than eighty acres. The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 made traveling easier and so it was in that year the Dickensons- John, Joseph and Mrs. Amy- became the first American settlers in the area. Immigrants flocking to locate their lands soon after discovered that the Wampum survey of 1816 was in error. The government had sold 631 acres more than they ever owned in the township! After much litigation the settlers were offered a refund of their original purchase money. This was indignantly refused and the matter rests, unsettled, today.

Salem and Superior Townships were Panama Township in 1828. In 1833, a legislative act designated the north half as Salem and the south half as Superior. The three central areas of population and business were Lapham's Corners-sometimes known as Brookville, Peebles' Corners- known today as Worden, and Salem. With the building of the railroad and depot in 1880, Salem was known to many as Salem Station. Wheat, apples, oats and barley were shipped from Salem as well as livestock. In 1910 the Detroit Creamery built near the tracks a milk depot which had a cooling process. Using wagons and teams, farmers brought their milk here for shipping by train.

There was much activity in the old days around the small settlements. Salem boasted a stock-yard, lumber yard, wagon building shop, two general stores, hotel, two churches, barber shop, elevator, blacksmith shops, grist mill, post office, harness and shoe-cobbler shop,and a two-story school housing twelve grades. In 1873 The Wheeler store was built and, for that era, was a large two-story building on the main corner of town. The west side displayed horse- collars, harnesses, boots, plows, shovels and even oats at two cents a pound.The Salem Post Office was also housed in the west side. The east side sold food, thread, buttons and miscellaneous items. There were living quarters upstairs and at the rear of the store. The building burned to the ground in 1937. The Salem Branch of the State Bank of South Lyon now stands where the east half stood.

Albert Van Atta built the other large general store in 1876. It is still in operation housing the post office and four apartments as well as a supply of groceries, still retaining its country store atmosphere. In the early days the upper floor was used for parties, meetings and dances.

The Salem Hotel was built about 1872, serving various businesses as well as travelers before burning in 1934, leaving a big void in the business area of the village.

The only public buildings standing of the early days are the Van Atta store (now The Store), the elevator, and two churches.

The pioneers brought with them the strong religious faith of their ancestors and thus we have the springing up of many denominations. The churches of record are:

Salem Congregational Church, originated in 1859, built in 1887, remodeled in 1964. It has been in constant use and has been renamed Salem Christian Fellowship.

First Baptist Church of Salem, originated in 1831. The building erected in 1852 was moved to the village in 1873 and later moved across the street to become the Blacksmith Shop. A new church structure was built in 1888. The Wesleyan Church of Lapham joined in 1921 and the church renamed the Salem Federated Church. The building has been twice enlarged and is known now as the Salem Bible Church.

Methodist Episcopal Church built in 1864 and closed in 1935. A church board

keeps it in repair and holds Memorial Day services with many descendants of the deceased who are buried in the adjoining cemetery attending. This quaint church, maintained in its original state with hand-made pews, balcony and old-fashioned altar is known as the Salem Walker Church.
Worden Church, organized as a Congregational Church, was built in 1840 and completely demolished by the 1917 tornado.It was rebuilt within a very few years after and occupied until 1936 when it was struck by lightning and burned.
Baptist Church of Chubb Road was organized in 1958 in a rented building in the village. A large new building has been erected on Chubb Road and renamed New Hope Baptist.
Christ Temple Church opened its doors in 1949 on McFadden Street in Salem and is holding services there.

The Salem Union School consolidated with South Lyon in 1963 and has been replaced with an Elementary School at the same site. Worden School also joined in the consolidation; the building is now used for other purposes.
Wash-Oak School originated in 1873. The building was moved to Northville Mill Race Historical site for restoration after the school was no longer in use, 1966.
Lapham School was built in 1876 , a replacement for a log building. The building still stands but pupils are attending Plymouth Schools.
Walker School was originally built in 1832. This building was replaced and then destroyed in 1917 by the tornado, but rebuilt the same year. It is now converted to a residence. Pupils now attend South Lyon Schools and Salem Elementary.
Stone School, corner of N. Territorial and Curtis Roads. The first school was built in 1829 and replaced in 1857 by a stone school still standing and used constantly as a school until 1967. It is now the property of the Salem Area Historical Society under restoration.

Lapham's Corners was a flourishing community in the early days with a store, church, blacksmith shops, schoolhouse, saw mill, wagon shop and ashery. The west branch of the Rouge River ran through the area supplying power from a dam for a furniture factory and the saw mill. With the coming of the railroad to Salem and the post office beingmoved, Lapham's gradually lost the businesses.

Peebles' Corners was also a busy corner with a general store housing the post office and later the telephone office(with the storekeeper or his assistant answering the phone calls).Besides the blacksmith shop, church and school, an unusual business was located there- a tile-kiln . Chips of tile have been found at the site on Pontiac Trail near Five Mile Road. In 1906 a large creamery was in operation but was destroyed by fire in 1915.

The Farm Bureau was organized in the township in 1943 and the group is still active.

The township has three beautiful eighteen hole golf courses; Brae Burn, Salem Hills and Fox Hills.

The Salem Airport was developed in 1967 near the village, and appears to be a thriving business with many hangars and planes.

In 1902, Rural Federal Delivery (RFD) became a reality, and the outlying postoffices were eliminated. Salem Township mail is delivered from Northville, South Lyon, Plymouth and Ann Arbor depending upon the area.

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Mrs. Irene Lyke is the president of the Salem Area Historical Society

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM, MICHIGAN, 1839-1923

N. Krohn

According to Chapman, History of Washtenaw County, Michigan, several members of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, 1833, decided in 1839 to organize a Congregational Church. The following membership information is taken from several early record books in the possession of Mr. Curtis Hamilton, Salem, Michigan, who has kindly given his permission to use this material. On August 15, 1852, the Congregational and the Presbyterian Churches of Salem "cordially united" to become the First Congregational Church of Salem in connection with the Jackson Association. At this time forty four persons professed their faith. This church was referred to as "Peebles Church" or sometimes "Worden Church", from the name of the settlement-Peebles' Corners and later Worden.

27 Mar 1839. Members, having received letters of recommendation from the First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Celee Bennett
Parley Crowel, Trustee
Orange Green
Enoch C. Hamilton
Isaac Hamilton, Elder
J.W.Hamilton
J.W.Haywood (Hayward?)
Edwin Hubbard
Harvey Hubbard, Trustee
Ithiel Hubbard
Joseph H. Peebles, Trustee
J.M.Peebles
Reuben Peebles
Sebrah Perkins
Chester Pratt, Elder
Lauren Pratt
Hiram Rhodes
G.N.Stoddard
Adam Spence
Seth Thompson
Zebedee Waldron, Trustee

Other names as they first occur in the "trustee book" and some of which do not appear in the "membership book" are:

4 Mar 1840. Isaac R. Sutton, trustee; Chester Pratt, trustee in place of Parley Crowel, deceased.
5 Jan 1841. William R. Waldren, trustee.
24 Aug 1841. William C. Drake on committee to call the REv. Mr. Hamilton.
16 Nov 1841. Burying ground site bought...Joel Hamilton one of twelve lot purchasers.
8 Aug 1849. Among the purchasers of church seats in "Zions Church of Salem": Horace Hamilton, Widow E. Spence, Widow C. Peebles, Dr. W. Wm. Cook, Otis Hamilton, William and Erastus Berry, Luther Hatch, John Busenbark, Mrs. L. Pryer, Paschal Mason, --- Botsford.
12 Feb 1855. William Hollingshead, trustee.
12 Jan 1857. Dr. John DeLaski, trustee.
7 Jan 1861. John Bennett to make a plat of burying ground with John Peebles.
2 Nov 1867. Society reorganized as no election had been held for three years. Trustees: W.B. Thompson, Jacob Cole, James Levan, D.N. Smith, Elam Worden, H.C.Waldren, Elam Worden and Jacob Cole refused, W.H.Hamilton, John Davis in place.
2 Nov 1869. Judson Thompson, chairman.
11 Nov 1884. Herbert Smith, Irving Hamilton, T. Larned, trustees.
16 Feb 1893. Sea Rorabacher, Charles Ross, trustees.
16 Jan 1896. Everett Larned, trustee.
1 Feb 1901. Edwin H. Smith, trustee.
9 Apr 1916. Horace Peebles, trustee.
11 Mar 1917. Bert Nelson, trustee.
21 May 1922. Gilbert Thompson, Hattie Peebles, Fred W. Lewis, Bruce Rorabacher, trustees.

Membership information from the "Membership Book", 6 July 1844- 13 Mar 1867.

Name	Joined the church	Left the Church
BENNETT, Nancy		Letter 13 Mar 1867 M E CH. Salem
Rachael	15 Aug 1852 Profession	
Sally	25 Feb 1855 P	L. 19 Mar 1867 (see MASON)
Seely	15 Aug 1852 P	
BERRY, Caroline	3 Apr 1858 P	L. 13 Mar 1867 M E Ch. Salem
Polly		L.
BIRD, Mrs.	15 Aug 1852 P	
Samuel	" "	
BRANCH, Laurette L.	17 Jun 1854 Letter	L. 2 Dec 1855 to church unknown
BRYANT, Adaline	25 Feb 1855 P, Bapt.	L. 20 Feb 1864 Presb Ch, Mason, Ingham Co MI
Antinette	25 Feb 1855 P, Bapt.	L.
Charlotte	15 Aug 1852 P	L.
Elias	" "	"
BUSENBARK, John	6 Oct 1850 P	Died
Mrs.		Died
COLE, Huldah Maria	26 Jul 1856 P	"
Jacob	5 Aug 1855 P	L.
COOK, Edward Wm.	15 Aug 1852P	Died 18 May 1853
Nancy Ann	15 Aug 1852 P	
Philena	15 Aug 1852 P	Letter
CROWL, Charlotte Mrs.		L. 5 Mar 1865 Presb Ch, Mason, MI
Martin	8 Jan 1854 P	L. " "
DAVIS, Joseph	8 Apr 1849 L	Died
Mrs. wf of J.	" "	
DRAKE, Caroline	15 Aug 1852P	
Charles	" "	Died 22 Jan 1858(killed by falling a tree)
Levi	" "	
Mrs.	" "	Died 5 Feb 1864
Mary	" "	Died
Wm. C.	" "	Died 13 Mar 1865
GILBERT, Maria B.)nee Smith)		L. 24 Nov 1861 to Ch in Howell, MI
GRAHAM, Mrs.	15 Aug 1852 P	
GREEN, Mary Ann	" "	
Orange	" "	Died 8 Apr 1858
HAMILTON, Albert N.	25 Feb 1855 P	L. 20 Feb 1864 Presb Ch, Mason, MI
Anna		Withdrew
Elisa M.	17 Mar 1847 P	L. 11 Jan 1852 to Cong. Ch EatonRapids,MI
Elizabeth	15 Aug 1852 P	L 17 Apr 1863 toCh in Mason ,MI
Elizabeth H.		Died 18 Oct 1851
Emma J.	" "	Died
Enoch C.		L. 1 Oct 1854
Hannah		L. 1 Oct 1854
Hariet		L. 2 Apr 1854
Isaac		L. 1 Oct 1854
Joel	15 Aug 1852	Died 31 Jul 1857 ae 73 y 17 Jun 1857
Lucetta S.	17 Mar 1847 P	L. 1 Oct 1854
Martha J.	25 Feb 1855 P	
Rachel		L. 1 Oct 1854 (Died)
Theresa	25 Feb 1955 P	Withdrew
Warren		Withdrew (ca Dec 1865)
William R.	25 Feb 1855 P	Withdrew
William E.	" ". Bapt.	
HATCH, Mary	15 Aug 1852 P	Withdrew

Name	Joined the church	Left the church
HAYWOOD, Stephen G.	7 Jan 1849L	L. 17 Jun 1854 Presb Ch, Plymouth
Julia Ann, wf	" "	L. "
HERRICK, Elijah	15 Aug 1852 P	Died 9 Apr 1859
Sylvina	" "	
HOLLINGSHEAD, Emma J.	25 Feb 1855 P	L. 17 May 1863 to M E Ch
Harriet	19 Apr 1856	L 27 Mar 1859 to M E Ch
William	"	L. "
HUBBARD, Emily	1 Apr 1848 L	L. 1 Oct 1854
Harvy	" L	L. 1 Oct 1854
Ithiel	15 Aug 1852 P	L 1 Oct 1854. Died 19 Jan 1858
HUSTON, Amanda Sabrina	3 Oct 1858 P	L.
HYDE, Rosanah	5 Aug 1860 L	L. 13 Mar 1867 to M E Ch
JANES, Mary Ann	3 Apr 1858 P	L 23 Mar 1862 Cong Ch Plymouth
Nancy	3 Oct 1857 L	L "
KEEP, Alvah	18 Jan 1852 L	
Betsey, wf	" "	
LEVAN, James A.	9 Jan 1859 P	
LEWIS, Betsy Ann	17 Mar 1847 P	
LYON, Catherine	3 Apr 1858 P	L. 1 Apr 1860
Emma J.		L. 17 May 1863 to M E Ch
MCGOUNDER, Sally A	15 Aug 1852 P	
MASON, Sally (Bebbett)		L 13 Mar 1867 to M E Ch, Salem
MEAD, Clinton		L 29 Aug 1858 to M E Ch, Salem
Franklin		
William B.	25 Jul 1850	
MURRY, Lucetta		L.1 Oct 1854
PEEBLES, Augusta C	25 Feb 1855 P	
Betsey		Died
Caroline		
Charlotte M.	10 Oct 1863 L from Hiawatha Kansas	
David	17 Mar 1847 P	Died 7 Dec 1861
David	10 Oct 1863 L from Hiawatha Kansas	
David		L. 5 Apr 1857
Dwight A.	25 Feb 1855 P	
Ellen L.	" "	
Emily C.	" "	
John		
Joseph& wf.	20 Apr 1851 L	L.5 Apr 1857
Julia Ann		L.
Maria B	25 Jan 1847 L	L.
Maria Jane	17 Mar 1847 P	
Mary Abigail	6 May 1855 P	
Mary Ann		L. 8 Apr 1865 Presb Ch, Mason, MI
Reuben		Died 17 Apr 1848 ae 43 y.
PERKINS, Elisa A.		
Sebrah		
POWELL, Sarah J.	15 Aug 1852 P	
PRATT, Chester	" "	Died
Hannah	" "	L. 30 Sep 1854
Priscilla	" "	
Sarah	" "	
Silas	" "	
PRYER, Libel (f)	2 Sep 1849 L	Died
RENWICK, Mrs.	15 Aug 1852 P	

Name	Joined the church	Left the church
RICHARDSON, Hannah	3 Oct 1858 L	
RODGERS, Jane N.	15 Aug 1852 P	L. 21 Apr 1866 to Presb Ch Lyon
SAVAGE, Juliaette	" "	L. 26 Jun 1859, Ypsilanti, MI
Rachel	" "	Died
SHEAR Harriet(nee Wykoff)		L. 5 Mar 1865 to M E Ch, Saline, MI
* SMITH, Daniel N.	17 MAr 1847P	
(also Nelson D. Smith)		
Hannah, wf of Henry	15 Aug 1852 P	L 13 Mar 1867 M E Ch, Salem
Henry	17 Mar 1847 P	L "
Maria B.	7 Jan 1849 L	L 24 Nov 1861 (see Gilbert)
SPENCE, Adam	17 Mar 1847 P	Died 8 Aug 1849
Adam Jr.		L. Mar 1853
Edwin	6 Apr 1851 P	L Mar 1853
Elizabeth		L. "
Elizabeth R.	11 Apr 1848 L	L."
James	6 Apr 1851 P	L "
Julia	" "	L."
STIKES, Sarah	15 Aug 1852 P	
SUTTON, Isaac R.	" "	
Sally A.	" "	
TERRY, Elsy Ann	" "	Died Aug 1890
Nathaniel N.	" "	Died
THOMPSON, Mrs. Adaline B.		L. 20 Feb 1864 Presb Ch, Mason, MI
Betsey Nan	17 Mar 1847 P	Died 30 Jun 1849 ae 19 y.
Calista, wf of Seth		L. 17 Apr 1863 to Cong Ch Ann Arbor
Dewitt C.	25 Feb 1855 P	L.
Elizabeth		L.17 Apr 1863 Cong Ch Ann Arbor.Died.
Henrietta P	17 Mar 1847 P	
Seth		L. "
Wilford B.	25 Feb 1855 P	Withdrew
WALDRON, Ann	6 May 1855 P	L. 25 Apr 1858 Presb Ch Ann Arbor
Charles	3 Apr 1857 L	L. 30 Oct 1858 " "
Henry C.	6 May 1855 P	L. 25 Apr 1858 " "
Tamar Ann, wf of Zeb.)	7 Jan 1849 L	L. " " "
Zebedee	7 Jan 1849 L	L. " " "
WELLER, John	1 Oct 1848 P	L. 14 Jun 1856 Cong Ch Ann Arbor
WHITE, M.L. Mrs.		L. 17 Apr 1864 M E Ch, Northville, MI
WICKOFF, Hariett	15 Aug 1852 P	L. 8 Mar 1865
Phebe	" "	

Names of children baptized

BRANCH, Edwin and Martha	n.d.	
HAMILTON, Alice Adelia	12 Nov 1844.	
HAMILTON, Charles William and Weltha Ann, infants of Wm. & Harriett, 25 Feb 1855.		
HAMILTON, Florence Agnes	1 Aug 1852	infant of Warren & Anna
Mary Loveda	25 Fab 1855	" " "
Joel	4 July 1858	" " "
Cyrus Lemuel	6 Jan 1850	infant child of Enoch & Emma
Frederick	25 Feb. 1855	infant of Elizabeth
Julia Semantha	20 Jun 1847	child of Enoch & Emma
William R.	17 Mar 1847	child of Warren &Anna
HAYWOOD (HAYWARD?) John Brewster	5 Oct 1850	infant of Stephen & Julia Ann
HUBBARD, Martha Viola	7 Apr 1850	infant of Harry & Emily
LEVAN, Ada	3 Oct 1858	infant of James & Emily

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* SMITH,Perses H. (f) 15 Aug 1852 P

PEEBLES, Arthur Bradley	5 Apr 1857	infant of David & Charlotte
Flora Adelaide	2 Sept 1849	daughter of Caroline
Mary Abigail	18 May 1845	
THOMPSON, Alexander White	1 Oct 1848	child
Horace Herbert	"	"
Judson Newell	18 May 1845	
Reuben Washington	1 Oct 1848	
WELLER, John Alonso Richmond	no date	

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SOME SOURCES FOR SALEM TOWNSHIP

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Four cemeteries: Lapham, also known as Brookville; Worden; Salem-Walker; Very Old Cemetery. Readings: Salem Area Historical Society and GSWC Library. Older readings: Cemeteries of WAshtenaw County, James ; Washtenaw County Cemeteries, DAR.

Nearby cemeteries to be searched: Northfield Township-Leland Cemetery and St. John's Lutheran Cemetery; Northville and Plymouth Townships, Wayne Co.; Lyon Township, Oakland Co., and Green Oak Township, Livingston Co.

Directory of Cemeteries of Washtenaw County has locations and descriptions.

CHURCH RECORDS

First Cong. Ch. of Salem (later "Summit") MHC, original; GSWC abstract.
First Cong. Ch.("Worden", "Peebles") private ownership, some copies at GSWC.
Salem Bible Ch. No early records. Later records at Church, copies at GSWC.
Salem-Walker Ch. No records found.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Salem Township Clerk. Mrs. Nancy Geiger 5379 Five Mile Rd. South Lyon, MI 48178
 Assessment Rolls, 1918 to present
MHC, Bentley Library, Univ. of Michigan., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
 Poll Lists, 1837-1844. GSWC has index .
 Salem Twp. School District # 6 (& 4). Some records.
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OTHER SOURCES

History of Salem Township, 116 p. 1976. Out of print, excellent. Salem Area Historical Society, MHC, EMU.
Salem Cook Book, 1908 and 1923. Salem Area Hist. Soc. MHC has 1923.
South Lyon Area Centennial History, about 80 p. 1973. Available, excellent. Much information about Salem. GSWC, MHC.
Salem Bible Church History, pamphlet, 12p. GSWC, gift of church.
Atlas Washtenaw Co., Everts & Stewart, Chicago, 1874 p 20.
History of Washtenaw County, Chapman, 1881
Past and Present , Beakes, Chicago, 1906.

Salem Area Historical Society 9933 Six Mile Rd. Salem,MI 48175
South Lyon Historical Society P.O.Box 263 South Lyon, MI 48178
Plymouth Historical Society 155 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170
Green Oak Township Historical Society 13270 Silver Lake Rd. Brighton, MI 48116

GSWC Library P.O.Box 7155 Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Located at Washtenaw Comm College (some genealogies, including Bidwell, Comstock)

STATE OF MICHIGAN 1845 CENSUS FOR SALEM TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY

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The original state census of 1845 for Washtenaw County is held in the MHC, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This census names only males over twenty-one years of age.

A. ALESBROW, John; ALSBRO, Major, William; AMBLER, Wm.; ARNOLD, D.; ASHFORD, James; ATCHINSON, Asa, Orson, Sylvester.

B. BABBITT, O.; BAIRD, Joseph; BENNETT, George, John, Seely (2); BENTLY, Jared; BERRY, George, James, Wm.; BIDWELL, Horace; BIRCH, D., James;BLACK, John; BLAIR, Samuel; BLAKE, J.M.; BLOOD, Aaron, Charles, Francis; BOGART, H.J.; BOYCE, Isaac; BROWERS, Henry; BROWN, John E.; BRYANT, Chas, Daniel, James, John, Lewis; BUCK, John, Solomon; BULLOCK, Ellis, J.E.; BUNNELL, J.C.; BURNETT, Johnathan; BUSSEY, Thomas; BUSH, William.

C. CARPENTER, Eber; CASTLE, Wm.; CASY, Benjamin; CHASE, Alanson, Joshua; CHURCH, Chauncy, T.E.; CLAIR, Francis, Godfrey; CLARK, M.H.; CLOCK, James; COGSWELL, Silas; COLDRON, Elijah, Jacob; COLE, Jacob; COLLINS, John; COMSTOCK, E.C., Jesse; COOK, Adison, Ashur, Darwin, E.W.; COONS, A.J.; COPPER, William; CORBIN, Amos, Lyman; CORSON, W.D.; CRAMPTON, J.; CRISTLER, Frederick, John.

D. DAILEY, Allen, Hiram; DARKE (sic*), Edward, Levi; DAVIS, Joseph; DELANCY, Daniel; DIAMOND, John; DICKERSON, John; DOEG (sic), John; DOUD, James; DWELLE, Lemuel.

E. EASTMAN, Newcom, Robert; ELLIOT, Jesse.

F. FAMIS (sic), Oscar; FENTON, A.S.; FISHER, John; FORSHEE, John; FRANKLIN, Robert; FREEMAN, Augustus, Lasey, S.J., William; FULLER, W.S.

G. GARDNER, Caleb; GOODHUE, Wm.; GOULD, Luke, Sylvester; GRAHAM, George, Luther; GREEN, Ebenezer.

H. HAM, Ida; HAMBLETON (HAMILTON), Enoch, Isaac, J., James, Joel, Warren, Wm; HARDEY, Nelson, HARL, James, John; HATHAWAY, Joseph; HAVEN (HAVER) Wm; HAWKINS, J.C.; HAYWOOD, Stephen G.; HEDDEN, J.M.; HERRICK, Daniel, Elijah, Franklin; HILAN (sic), Thomas; HILL, Pardu, HODGE, James; HOISINGTON, Andrew, Earl; HOOD, James, HOUGTOULIN, Henry; HOUSE, Jebez; HOWARD, P.S.; HOWE, H.C.; HUBBARD, Harvey, Ithiel.

I. ISHAM, Almon.

J. JOHNSON, Michael; JONES, Hubbard, Levi; JORDAN, Jacob.

K. KELLY, R.; KING, George; KNAPP, Harry, M.E.

L. LANE, P.C., Thos.; LAPHAM, David, Joseph; LARAWAY, Haskall, Jonas; LARKINS, Henry, Peter; LEONARD, John, Moses; LEWIS, Charles, Eliphalet, John, William.

* Also Dake,Deake and Drake.

M. MANNING, Wm; MASON, Jonathan, S.P.; MCCABE, Thomas; MCCOLLUM, John; MCCORMICK, John. Robert, Samuel; MEAD, Wm; MERRIT, William, MICHELL, Calvin, Newcom, Wm.; MINOR, Dennis; MOREY, Jesse; MORRISON, Rufus; MURRAY, P.C.

N. NELSON, George; NOBLE, Lawrence, Silas; NORTHRUP, A.G.; NORTON, D.F., Horatio.

O. OLDS, E.W.: OLMSTED, Chancey; OSTRANDER, H.; OSTROM, Oliver.

P. PACKARD, Alexas, Henry, Norton, Orson; PARKER, Alanson, E.B., William; PARSOLE, Luther; PAYNE, Barton; PECKHAM, Wm. B.; PEEBLES, David, John, Joseph, Reuben; PERKINS, Sebrah; PESO, Sidney; PETERS, Jesse; PHILIPS, J., S.; PHILLIP, A.H.; PHILLIPS, J.H., P.R.; PINKNEY, Joseph; POMEROY, Daniel, George; PRATT, Chester, Edmund, Henry, Ira, Isaac, Joseph, Levi(?); Prout, George; PRYER, Belgrave, Benjamin, John; PURDY, Robert, William.

R. RENWICK, George; RICH, Moses, Noah; RIDER, Ira, Myron, Stephen; ROBERTS, E.C., JOHN; ROGERS, Andrew; ROHRABACKER, John C.' ROOT, Ashley, Ira, Mortimer, Sheld D.; ROSECRANTS, James, Wm.; RUDMAN, John: RUSH, Eber.

S. SAVAGE, Harrison, Henry; SHAFFER, A.B.; SHEARS, J.S.; SIMMONS, E.A., Ephraim, John; SISSON, John; SMITH, A.D., E.C., Henry, John, Nelson, William. SNAPP, Jacob; SOBER, Elias, James (2), Jerome, Orson; SPENCE, Adam, Thomas; STANBROW, Samuel; STARK, J.K.; STARKWEATHER, Samuel; STEVENS, E.S., Joseph, S.S., William; STILES, Joseph, SUTTON, Harrison, SWEET, Wm.

T. THOMAS, Thomas; THOMPSON, Michael, Seth; TINDALL, Aaron, Abijah, James, Wm.

V. VANATTA, J.B.: VANBUREN, Henry, Nicholas; VANHORN, Christopher; VAN HOUGHTON, Jacob, John, Ralph; VANSICKLE, Edwin, John, William; VANVOORHIS, Wm.

W. WAIT, Pinah (?), WALDRON, Wm.; WALKER, Eliakin, H.T., Peres; WARD, Havolin (sic), Henry; WATERMAN, John; WEBSTER, Dudson, E.H.; WELLER, Dr.; WESTFALL, Levi; WHEELER, Calvin; WHEELOCK, Royal, S.F.; WHIPPLE, Henry; WILSON, G.W.; WOOD, Philip; WOODRUFF, Wm.; WOODWORTH, Constant, D.C.; WORDEN, Warren; WYNCUP, Isaac; WYSE, John.

Y. YANSON, Henry; YATES, J.H.

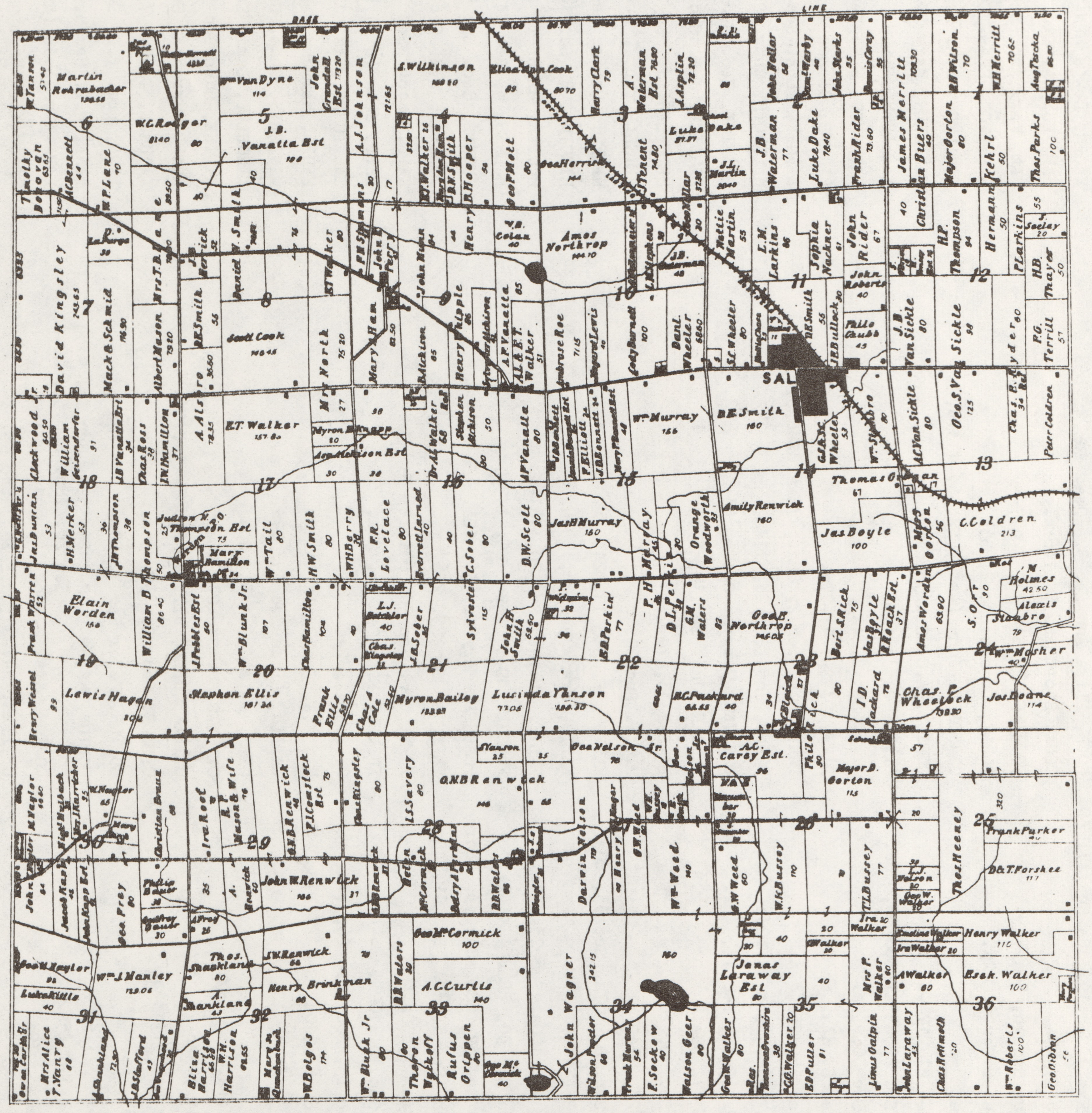
	Under 10	10-21	21-45	45-72	Over 72	Total
Males	230	192	227	91	3	743
Females	241	182	194	54	3	680

Total number of white persons	1423
Colored males	1
Total number of inhabitants	1424
Number of white males over 21	321

MAP OF

SALEM

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile. **Township 1 South Range 7 East** *of the Meridian of Michigan*


BASE LINE
Martin Rohrabacher
Wm Van Dyne
John Crandell Est
A.J. Johnson
J. Wilkinson
Eliza Ann Cook
Harry Clark
A.J. Asplin
John Weller
Luke Dake
James Merrill
B.F. Wilson
W.H. Merrill
Aug. Tacke
W.C. Rodger
J.B. Vanatta Est
Geo. Harris
J.B. Waterman
Frank Rider
Christian Buers
Major Gorton
Thos Parks
David Kingsley
Mack & Schmid
Albert Mason
Scott Cook
Amos Northrop
Sophia Nackner
John Rider
John Roberts
J.B. Van Sickle
H.P. Thompson
Hermann Kehrl
P. Larkins
Wm Murray
B.E. Smith
SALEM
E.T. Walker
A.C. Van Sickle
Geo. S. Van Sickle
Thomas Gorgan
C. Coldren
Emily Renwick
Jas. Boyle
Jas. H. Murray
D.W. Scott
H.W. Smith
W.H. Berry
P.R. Lovelace
Orange Woodworth
Elain Werden
William D. Thompson
Geo. F. Northrop
N. Holmes
Alexis Stanbro
Lewis Hagen
Stephen Ellis
Frank Ellis
Myron Bailey
Lucinda Yanson
B.C. Packard
Chas. P. Wheelock
Jos. Boone
Wm Mosher
O.N.B. Renwick
Geo. Nelson Sr.
A.C. Carey Est.
Major B. Gorton
Frank Parker
D & T. Forshee
John W. Renwick
Darwin Nelson
Wm Wood
W.H. Bussey
T.L. Bussey
Thos Heeney
Henry Walker
Esek Walker
Wm J. Manley
Thos. Shankland
Henry Brinkman
Geo. McCormick
A.C. Curtis
Jonas Laraway Est
John Wagner
Rufus Orippen
Wm Roberts
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KEHRL, Hermann Sec 1, 50a. Sec 12, 50a.
KINGSLEY, Chas. Sec 21, 22a. Sec 28, 80a.
KINGSLEY, David Sec 6, 11+a. Sec 7, 243+a.
KITTLE, Luke Sec 31, 40a.
KNAPP, Myron E. Sec 16, 38a. Sec 17, 20a.
LAFURGE, D. Sec 7, 39a.
LANE, Mrs. T.D. Sec 6, 39+a. Sec 7, 78+a.
LANE, W.D. Sec 6, 70a.
LARAWAY, Jonas (Est.) Sec 35, 80a.
LARAWAY, John Sec 36, 43a.
LARKINS, L.M. Sec 11, 86a.
LARKINS, P. Sec 12, 55a.

LARNED, Everrett Sec 16, 40a.
LEWIS, Magaret Sec 10, 40a.
LOCKWOOD, C.Jr. Sec 7, 16a. Sec 18, 60a.
LOVELACE, F.R. Sec 16, 80a.
MACK & SCHMID Sec 7, 116+a.
MACUMBER, N.& E. Sec 26, 39a.
MACUMBER, S. Sec 26. 20a. Sec 35, 10a.
MAGER, Henry Sec 27, 40a.
MANLEY, Wm. J. Sec 31, 129+a.
MARTIN, J.L. Sec 2, 38+a.
MARTIN, Nettie Sec 11, 55a.
MASON, Albert Sec 7, 79+a.
MASON, R.R. & wife Sec 29, 76a.
MCCORMICK, Geo. Sec 33,100a. 40a.
MCCORMICK, Helen Sec 28, 80a.
MERKER, H. Sec 18, 53a.
MERRITT, G. Sec 1, 5a.
MERRITT, James Sec 1, 109+a.
MERRITT, M. Sec 1, 5a.
MERRITT, W.H. Sec 1, 70+a.
MOSHER, Wm. Sec 24, 40a.
MOTT, Geo. Sec 4, 80a.
MULBACK, Michl Sec 30, 35a.
MUNN, John Sec 4, 17a. Sec 9, 84a.
MURRAY, Frank Sec 34, 54a.
MURRAY, Jas. Sec 15, 150a.
MURRAY, P.H. Sec 15, 45a. Sec 22, 36a.
MURRAY, Wm. Sec 15, 156a.
NACKNER, Sophia Sec 11, 61a.
NANRY, Mrs. Alice T. Sec 31, 88a.
NAYLOR, Geo. H. Sec 31, 92a.
NAYLOR, John V. Sec 30, 64a.
NAYLOR, M. Sec 30, 66+a.
NAYLOR, W. Sec 30, 65a.
NELSON, Darwin Sec 27, 119a.
NELSON, E. Sec 27, 7a.
NELSON, Geo. Jr. Sec 27, 36a.
NELSON, Geo. Sr. Sec 22, 68+a. Sec 27, 76a.
NELSON, L.J. Sec 25, 20a.
NOLLAR, Geo. Sec 3, 37+a. Sec 10, 30a.

NOLLER, John Sec 2, 68a.
NORTH, Mrs. Sec 8, 75+a. Sec 17, 27a.
NORTHROP, Amos Sec 10, 144a.
NORTHROP, Geo. E. Sec 23, 145+a.
O'BRIEN, S. Sec 12, 10a.
ORR, S. Sec 24, 90a.
OVERSHIRE, Rosanna Sec 35, 38a.
PACKARD, H.C. Sec 22, 65+a. Sec 23, 40a.
PACKARD, I.D. Sec 23, 72a.
PARKER, Frank Sec 25, 40a.
PARKS, Thos. Sec 1, 100a.
PEBBLES, J. (Est.)Sec 20, 50a.
PERKINS, Betsy A. Sec 28, 80a.
PERKINS, D.L. Sec 15, 30a. Sec 22, 38a.
PERKINS, E.D. Sec 22, 77a.
PERRY, John E. Sec 4, 37+a. Sec 9, 43a.
PROCTOR, Wilson Sec 34, 66a.
QUACKENBUSH, Mary Sec 32, 36a.
R.,E. Sec 11, 3a.
RENWICK, A. Sec 29, 60a.
RENWICK, Amity Sec 14, 160a.
RENWICK, G.N.B. Sec 27, 55a. Sec 28, 146a.
  Sec 28, 37a. Sec 29, 48a.
RENWICK, J.W. Sec 32, 66a.
RENWICK, John W. Sec 28, 37a. Sec 29, 166a.
RICH, Bert S. Sec 23, 75a.
RICH, Philo Sec 23, 80+a. Sec 26, 30a.
RIDER, Frank Sec 2, 73+a.
RIDER, John Sec 11, 67a.
ROACH. R. (Est.) Sec 23, 37a.
ROBERTS, John Sec 11, 40a.
ROBERTS, Wm. Sec 36, 100a.
RODGER, W.C. Sec 5, 80a. Sec 6, 81+a.
ROE, Ambrose Sec 10, 71+a.
ROHRABACHER, Martin Sec 6, 138+a.
ROOT, Ira Sec 29, 78a.
ROSS, Chas. Sec 18, 38a.
RYDER, Chas. E. Sec 12, 60a. Sec 13, 34a.
S.,A. Sec 23
S., F.M. Sec 4, 4a.
S.,J. Sec 22, 2a.

SAVERY L.S Sec 28, 80a.
SCOTT, D.W. Sec 16, 80a.
SEELEY, S. Sec 12, 20a.
SHANKLAND, A. Sec 31, 72+a. Sec 32, 43a.
SHANKLAND, Thos. Sec 32, 80a.
SIMMONS, F.M. Sec 4, 20a. Sec 9, 25a.
SMITH, D.E. Sec 8, 55a. Sec 11, 55a.
  Sec 14, 160a.
SMITH, D.N. Sec 4, 25a.
SMITH, Daniel N. Sec 5, 40a. Sec 8, 74+a.
SMITH, E. Sec 27, 16a.
SMITH, H.W. Sec 17, 80a. Sec 20, 40a.
SMITH, John H. Sec 21, 69+a. Sec 22, 36a.
SOBER, J.B. Sec 16, 40a. 30a. Sec 21, 35a.
SOBER, Sylvester C. Sec 16, 80a. Sec 21, 115a.
SOCKOW, F. Sec 34, 40a.
STAFFORD, J.D. Sec 31, 49a.
STANBRO, Alexis Sec 24, 79a.
STANBRO, Wm. Sec 14, 80a.
STARKS, John Sec 2, 55a.
STEPHENS, L.M. Sec 10, 38a.
T. Sec 6, 3a.
TAIT, Wm. Sec 17, 80a.
TECKMAN, J. Sec 27, 13a.
TENENT, J. Sec 3, 74+a.
TESCKA, Aug. Sec 1, 66+a.
TERRILL, F.G. Sec 12, 57a.
THAYER, H.B. Sec 12, 50a.
THOMPSON, H.P. Sec 12, 94a.
THOMPSON, J.H. Sec 18, 38a.
THOMPSON, Judson N. (Est.) Sec 17, 75a.
  Sec 18, 25a.
THOMPSON, William B. Sec 18, 50a. Sec 19,86+a.
TONSEY, H. (Est.) Sec 12, 16a.
VANATTA, A.F. Sec 9, 65a. Sec 16, 80a.
VANATTA, J.B. (Est.)Sec 5, 198a. 40a.
  Sec 8, 75a. Sec 18, 34a.
VANDYNE, Wm. Sec 5, 114a.
VANSICKLE, A.C. Sec 13, 80a.
VANSICKLE, Geo. S. Sec 12, 98a. Sec 13, 125a.
VANSICKLE, J.B. Sec 12, 80a.
W. Sec 30

W., N. Sec 23, 4+a.
WAGNER, John Sec 34, 242+a.
WAGONHOOD, Geo. Sec 31, 20a.
WALKER, A. Sec 36, 60a.
WALKER, Dr. A.L. Sec 16, 68a.
WALKER, A.L. & E.T. Sec 9, 51a.
WALKER, C. Sec 35, 20a.
WALKER, C.G. Sec 35, 20a.
WALKER, Emeline Sec 36, 20a.
WALKER, Esek Sec 36, 100a.
WALKER, E.T. Sec 4, 26a. Sec 28, 80a.
Sec 17, 157+a.
WALKER, Geo. W. Sec 25, 20a. Sec 35, 80a.
WALKER, Henry Sec 36, 110a.
WALKER, Ira Sec 35, 20a. Sec 36, 20a.
WALKER, Mrs. P. Sec 35, 60a.
WALLENMEIER, G. Sec 10, 18a.
WARBY, Sam'l. Sec 2, 40a.
WARREN, Frank Sec 19, 52a.
WATERMAN, A. (Est.) Sec 3, 76+a.
WATERMAN, J.B. Sec 2, 77a. Sec 10, 48a.
WATERS, D.D. Sec 28, 66a. Sec 33, 39a.
WATERS, G.M. Sec 22, 82a.
WEED, G.W. Sec 26, 60a. Sec 27, 60a.
WEED, Wm. Sec 27, 140a. Sec 34, 160a.
Sec 35, 30a.
WEISMEIER, Mrs. G. Sec 30, 7a.
WESSEL, Henry Sec 19, 99a.
WHEELER, Danl. Sec 10, 68+a. Sec 11, 5a.
WHEELER, G.S. & S.C. Sec 14, 53a.
WHEELER, S.C. Sec 11, 80a.
WHEELOCK, Chas.P. Sec 24, 139+a. Sec 25,
57a. 3a.
WHIPPLE, Henry Sec 9, 86a.
WIDMIRE, P. Sec 22, 32
WILKINSON, S.W. Sec 4, 169+a.
WILSON, R.H. Sec 1, 70a.
WOOD, Jas. Sec 6, 27a.
WOODWORTH, Orange Sec 15, 93a.
WORDEN, Amos Sec 24, 63+a.
WORDEN, Elain Sec 18, 36a. Sec 19, 156a.

WYCKOFF, Theron Sec 33, 80a.
YANSON, Lucinda Sec 21, 77+a. Sec 22, 138+a.
Sec 27, 25a.
YANSON, S. SEc 28, 25a.
YANSON, W. Sec 6, 57+a.

SALEM VILLAGE Sec 11 & 14

ADAMS C.L. North St.
BULLOCK, J.E. 30a. (Main St.)
CHUBB, Philo 45a.
COOLING, Thomas 12a.
DOANE, H. Main St.
HAYWARD, John D. Main St.
JORDAN, Joseph North St.
MCGRAW, John Main St.
MILLS, J.J. North St.
MURRAY, JOHN R. Main St.
RIDER, Ira North St.
SMITH, Dwella E. 55a. 160a. res North St.
SMITH, I. Main St.
STANBRO, S. Main St.
STANBRO W. Main St.
WHEELER, C.S.& S.C. 53a. (Pearl St.)
WILLIAMS, M. Main St.
WILSON, G.W. North St.
Churches: Main St., South St at Dickerson
School North St.
Detroit, Lansing and Northern R.R. Depot

CEMETERIES
Sec 6, 9, 17, 24

CHURCHES
Sec 9, 17, 26 (see village also)

SCHOOLS
Sec 3, 9, 17, 26, 28 (see village also)

LAKES
Sec 9, 33, 34 (2)

Detroit, Lansing & Northern R.R.
Sec 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14

WORDEN P.O. Sec 17

MORTALITY SCHEDULE, FEDERAL CENSUS SALEM TOWNSHIP, 1850

Surname	First	Age/Sex/St	Birthplace	Death Date/Cause
CLARK	Miles	4 m	Michigan	Sep Dysentery 1849
DOLL(DOLLE)	Margaret	33 f (mar)	Germany	Nov Childbirth 1849
HAUSE (HOUSE)	Caroline	3 f	Michigan	Jan Infl. Lungs
LAPHAM	Marcusa S.	9/12 f	Michigan	Oct Diarrhea 1849
LAPHAM	Marcus	9/12 m	"	" " "
NORTON	Cynthia B.	11 f	Michigan	Sep " "
NORTON	Ira P.	3 m	"	" " "
PAINE	Samuel	61 m (mar)	New York	May Infl. Lungs
ROBINSON	Betsy	35 f (mar)	New York	Oct Dropsy 1849
ROSSEAU	William F.	1 m	Michigan	Mar Dropsy brain
SIMMONS	Sarah M.	6 f	Michigan	Oct Dysentery 1849
WARD	Lucius	3 m	Michigan	Feb Infl. Bowel
WHEELER	Aaron C.	5 m	Michigan	Jul Inflammation 1849
WILCOX	Newton	47 m (mar)	New York	Sep Consumption 1849
WOODWORTH	Constant	64 m (wid)	Connecticut	Feb Infl. Lungs

SOME EARLY RECORDS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM AND LYON, WASHTENAW AND OAKLAND COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

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The records of this church begin 14 September, 1851 at which time an organizational meeting was held in the schoolhouse of Fractional School District #1. Present were William Ambler, Chairman and J.H.Phillips, Secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a confession of faith: Daniel Pomeroy, John Waterman and Jason Steel. One week later this was approved and J.H.Phillips, John Waterman, and H.H.Randall were appointed to draft a covenant and rules. The following were to act as counsel: Rev. L. Smith Hobart, Rev. Sylvester Cochran, Rev. Samuel Harris, Mr. John Peebles, Mr.Seth Thompson, and Mr. Parker.

Among the first members 1 October, 1851 were many who had received letters at the closing of the "First Presbyterian Church of Northville" on 1 September, 1849. The name "Summit Church" appears 26 April, 1859. The congregation moved to the "First Congregational Church of Salem and Plymouth" with the dedication on 8 January, 1862 of a new building in the south west corner of Section 6, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. In 1887 the records are again headed "Summit Church" and in 1888, "Second Congregational Church of Salem". The last entry is 15 May, 1895.

Only the early records, to 1865 are here printed.

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Name	Joined the Church	Left the church
AMBLER, William	1 Oct 1851 (Organization) L	
BABBITT, Mrs. Betty	6 Feb 1858 P (Wesleyan Ch)	Died
Miss Harriet N.	3 Apr 1858 P, Bapt.	Died
BIBBINS, Mary S.	17 Oct 1862 L	
BABBITT, Sarah	9 Apr 1864 P (Mrs. Peter Coldren)	
CLARK, James	7 Oct 1851 L (Organization)	Letter
Mrs. Lydia M.	" "	"
COLDREN, George	6 Feb 1858 P (Wesleyan Ch)	
Betty	" "	
Elijah	" "	Died
Peter	4 Apr 1858 P, B.	
DAVIS, Melissa L.	11 Jul 1858 P	
DENNIS, Isaac R.	6 Feb 1858 P (Wesleyan Ch)	
Mrs. Hannah	" "	Letter 7 Oct 1875
Sarah A.	7 Feb 1858 P, Bapt.	Letter 1873
Sarah A.	7 Oct 1876 L (returned from Minnesota)	
Henry C.	7 Feb 1858 P	Letter 29 Feb 1880
DOIG, John M.	11 Jul 1858 P	
DENNIS, George E.	4 Apr 1859 P	Letter 20 Sep 1868
DICKINSON, Abigail C	4 Apr 1859 P	
DIETZ (DILTZ?), Margaret J	9 Jul 1859 P, Bapt.	
Frances Bennett	" Bapt (Child)	
Lilleon Estelle	" " "	
EATON, Rev. C.H.	6 Feb 1858 P, Bapt.	Letter
Mrs. M. F.	" P, Letter	Letter
JONES, Edwin	11 Feb 1852 P (Wesleyan)	Letter 3 Apr 1865
Mrs. Electa	" L (Presb Northville)	" "
JONES, John H.	11 Jul 1858 P (to be B.)	
JANES, Mrs. Nancy	12 Apr 1862 L	
Miss Mary A	" L. (Mrs. Wheelock)	

Name	Joined the Church	Left the Church
JONES, Charles H. 1	11 Jul 1858 P	Letter 14 Jul 1866
Miss M.L.	" "	Letter 8 Apr 1865
KILLS, Mary	17 Oct 1863	
LEDGARD, Mr. Phillip	1 Apr 1858 P	Exc 10 Oct 1868
LARKINGS, Leonard M.	26 Nov 1859 P	Letter 13 Feb 1870
Jane	11 Jan 1862 P	" "
McCUE, Jane	11 Jan 1862 (Larky)	
MASON, Mrs. Louis	1 Oct 1851 L (Organization)	Letter
Louis	" "	"
MORTON, Mrs.	11 Feb 1852 L(Sylvan Cong Ch)	"
Miss Elizabeth	" " "	"
Miss Jane	" " "	"
MITCHELL, Miss Martha	17 Oct 1863	Died Oct 1884?
POMEROY, Daniel	1 Oct 1851 L (organization)	
Malah	" " "	Died Sep 1884
Eleanor	" " "(Mrs. J.B. Waterman)	
PHILLIPS, J.H.	" "	Letter
Mrs. Sarah	" "	"
Fidelia	" "	"
PRATT, Edmund	6 Feb 1858 P	
Mrs. Mariah	" "	
POMEROY, Miss Mary N.	7 Feb 1858 P (Mrs. H. C. Johnson)	Letter
PHILLIPS, Miss Ann Marie	" "	Letter
POMEROY, Alfred	11 July 1858 P	Letter 13 Oct 1866
PHILLIPS, Rev. Samuel	8 Jan 1861 L	Letter
Mrs. Elcy	" "	"
Chs. W.	11 Jan 1862 P	
Miss Mary A.	" P, Bapt.	
PRATT, James	7 Feb 1858 P. Bapt.	Letter 30 Jan 1876
REED, William	1 Oct 1851 P (organization)	
RIDER, Sarah	6 Feb 1858	
STEEL, Jason	1 Oct 1851 L	
STOUT, Thankful	" "	Died
STANBRO, Samuel	6 Feb 1858 L	Died
Sarah	7 Feb 1858 P	
SHADDUCK, Hiram (Phillip?)	4 Apr 1858 P	
Malinda Ann	" P, Bapt.	
STANBRO, Paulina A.	" " "	
SEELY, Chas L.	6 Feb 1858 P (Wesleyan)	Died 1884
Mrs. Maria	11 Jul 1858 P	Died 1884
Miss Harriet	" "	Died
STANBRO, Miss Jane M.	" P (to be B.)	
SHADDUCK, Gertrude L.	4 Apr 1859P (Wheeler)	Letter 12 Jan 1873
THOMPSON, Margaret	6 Feb 1858 L	Died
THAYER, Rufus	" P (Wesleyan)	Died
Mrs.	" " "	
Hiram B.	" " "	
TIBBLES, Henry E.	11 Jul 1862 P	
Mary E.	" "	Letter 12 Feb 1868
TOUSE, H.B.	17 Oct 1863 P	Died 1873
Mrs. H.B.	" P	
Miss Sarah	" " (Markham)	
THAYER, Mrs. Almira	19 Jan 1862 P (Baptist Ch)	
WATERMAN, John	1 Oct 1851 L (organization)	
Harriet	" " "	
John B.	" " "	

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THE NEW YORK RESEARCH SEMINAR

By Connie Olson

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society and the Michigan Genealogical Council served as host and sponsor, respectively, for the New York Research Seminar held in Grand Rapids on October 1 and 2, 1982. It was attended by approximately 250 persons. The featured speakers were: John D. Austin, Jr., a lawyer, certified genealogist, and Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists; Marcia Jesiek Eisenberg, a library media specialist, teacher, and editor; and Neil D. Thompson, an attorney, certified genealogist, and Fellow of both the American Society of Genealogists and the Society of Genealogists, London. Also speaking briefly was Walter Steesy, the owner, editor, and publisher of Heart of the Lakes Publishing. All are recognized authorities in various areas of New York genealogical research.

The speakers provided information on what data can be found in town records, county offices, the New York State Library, New York City libraries, periodicals, and court records. There was general agreement that New York research is complex and difficult. Because of often unreasonable fees and uncooperative officials, they did not recommend trying to do research by mail but advised that if one could not go to New York it is best to hire a professional researcher. Although none of them promised satisfactory results from local historians, they noted that a directory of all the official New York local historians may be purchased for $5.00 from:

Pamela Vogel, Warren County Historian
Municipal Center
Lake George, New York 12845

It was suggested that subscribing to a periodical for an area in which you are interested can be very helpful. Some good ones are the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Tree Talks, and the Dutchess. The speakers were very well informed and generously answered individual inquiries.

For future planning: The Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar for 1983 will focus on Canadian research and will be held in Midland on September 30-Oct 1. A major conference on New York research will be held in Albany on Oct 3-5, 1983. It will be sponsored by the New York State Department of Education, the New York State Library, and the New York State Archives and will offer over forty presentations by knowledgeable genealogists and state officials.

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FRINGE BENEFITS

By Frances M. Gardner

I have always felt that the time and money involved in attending seminars is well spent if only for such fringe benefits as the privilege to browse among the displays of books, society publications, forms, etc., and to be inspired by contacts with others with like interests in genealogy. As a result of my attendance at The New York Research Seminar (October, 1982), I feel that I may have helped three women pool and further their research into their Gardner lines.

On Saturday, the second and final day of the seminar, Connie Olson gave me the name of a woman working at the Western Michigan Genealogy Society table who wanted to talk to me about my surname (Gardner). Before I could locate her, a second woman approached me in the meeting room and inquired whether my Gardner family went back to George Gardiner of Narragansett, Rhode Island. I told her I was sorry it did not but that I had read about him at the Hatcher Library. Just before the first session of the afternoon began, I met the Grand Rapids woman and to my surprise she said her roots went back to the same George Gardiner. At the start of the afternoon break, I asked the woman next to me where was her home. I learned that she was not only from Kalamazoo but that she was graduated from Kalamazoo College a year before I enrolled there as a freshman. Then came a startling remark. She said she had wondered about my surname as she had Gardner ancestors and that she had her line traced back to George Gardiner of Narragansett, RI. Then I looked around and saw the two women headed in my direction as we had not had much time to talk previously. I introduced the three, remarked that each had referred to George Gardiner and inquired whether or not they already knew each other. They were from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Almont and had never met. As they started conversing I silently slipped away regretting that I had not met anyone descended from my Thomas S. Gardner, who had settled on a farm in Newfield, Tompkins, NY, in 1812. However,I did bring home handouts on the New York Resources Center and the Study Center for Early Religious Life in Western New York, both housed in the John M. Olin Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

The above event would not have taken place had the three women not noticed my surname, GARDNER, on my name tag, for each one was married and Gardner did not appear on any of their name tags. In fact, I do not know that it was even the maiden surname of any of them.

A surprising aftermath to this coincidence is that after I had related this tale at a meeting of the AAUW Genealogy Colloquium,a member setting next to me exclaimed, "George Gardiner is mine!" At her request I was able to give her the names and addresses of two of the women I had met in Grand Rapids.

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SOME EARLY RECORDS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM AND LYON (cont.)

Name	Joined the Church	Left the Church
WILLIAMS, Daniel	6 Feb 1858 P (Wesleyan)	
Mrs. Daniel	" " "	Died
WHIPPLE, Jane H.	11 Jul 1858 P	
WATERMAN, Priscilla	" "	
WATERMAN, Alice Stout	22 Jun 1856 Bapt. child of John Stout and Harriet Waterman	
Mary Ellen	" " " " " "	
Mary Eleanor	" " " child of John B and Eleanor Waterman	
Charles Pomeroy	" " " " " "	
WATERMAN, Priscilla	11 Jul 1858 P	
WILSON, Alice	" " P (Rider)	
Jane A.	" "	Letter 8 Jul 1865
James L.	" "	Letter 22 Dec 1867
David R.	" "	Letter 4 Aug 1867
WATERMAN, Mary A.	" " (to be B.P	
WILSON, Geo. W.	" L.	Letter 14 Apr 1866
Mrs. Mariah	" L.	" "
WHIPPLE, JAmes A.	4 Apr 1859 P	
WATERMAN, Geo. Claton	9 Jul 1859 Bapt.	
Richard B.	4 Apr 1859 P	
WHITEKER, Martha L. (Dorothy?)	11 Jan 1862 (Dennis)	Letter 29 Feb 1880
WILSON, Mary E.	11 Jan 1862 P	Letter 14 Apr 1866
WATERMAN, Frank A.	" Bapt. son of John B. and Eleanor Waterman	
WILLIAMS, Rev. R.J.	7 Apr 1864 L	Letter 13 Oct 1867
Mrs. Amanda	" "	Letter "

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EARLY DAYS AT SALEM-WALKER

The following article was written by Myron E. Atchison, Salem Township, and read at the service held in the old Salem-Walker Church, Angling Road, on Sunday, August 17, 1941, on the day the Centennery was observed in the Federated Church in Salem. The Walker Church, the Leland Church and the Lapham's Church formed one circuit; each was a unit of Methodism in Salem Township.The Walker church is the only one of the three that still stands. The Federated Church of Salem takes the place of theLapham's Church (1) and the old Walker Church is the only Methodist church in Salem Township. It was built eighty years ago.(1861)

On the day of services above mentioned, the old memory-filled church was appropriately decorated with baskets and bouquets of flowers, the gifts of friends. A choir of twenty persons set in the balcony as in olden days, and when they sang the several numbers, the congregation turned and faced them, as in colonial days. Among out-of-town folks who took their places in the choir, as in other days, were: Leon Ovenshire of Detroit; Edna VanAtta Reed of Lansing; Edith Warner of Pontiac and brother Delbert Cole of Bangor;Sadie Dixon of Ypsilanti; Argie Blunk of Plymouth. Mrs. Dora Orleman, a niece of the late Dr. Walker, was also in the group. Others who sang in the choir at the time still reside in the community.

Rev. Park Lyons was mentioned as one of the former circuit preachers. He was a brother of D.B.Lyons formerly of South Lyon. (2)

The article written by Mr. Atchison is interesting and follows. (3)

As soon as we are old enough to realize and appreciate, we begin a sort of strife. While we are in the teen age we strive for fun or a good time. From teen age to about fifty, we strive for worldly possessions or fame. From then on I think most of us strive to improve the conditions of our minds or souls and to think more about God and the hereafter; but as a dog will return to a nice bone, so our minds will return to the pleasing incidents which occurred in our youth. Many, in fact most of the pleasant incidents of my teen age, were in connection with the Salem-Walker Church, in one way or another.

My parents and grand-parents attended this church from the time of its dedication. I remember coming here with my father and mother, two brothers and two sisters. I held to my father's hand because the men looked so big to me. This was in the year of 1882. I think I can remember most of the happenings and most of the people who came here from then on to the time that it gradually closed, especially the men- and big men too -who shouted so loud and prayed so long and fervently.

Myron Knapp, my grandfather, and Alonzo Perkins, grandfather to Floyd, who had the most powerful voice in my memory. When he prayed the house shook, and so did the rest of us. John B. Smith, also a very large man and very well educated, but he prayed SO long; J.B. Van Atta, Chas Lockwood, Leonard Larkins, Mr. Crandall, Darwin Cook, Nelson Smith and Mrs. Eli Smith. These people were very strict Methodist Christians- the "Amen'ers"-and I think considered themselves the watch dogs of the flock.

The following men and their wives were also strict Methodist Christians and loyal supporters of this church: Huston Alsbro, Ascher Bennett, Harry Clark, H.B. Hooper, Chas Highland, Stephen Atchison, Jos. Herrick, Cyrus Rorabacher, Timothy Donovan, Erastus Perkins, David Perkins, Andrew Johnson, David Farley, Philip Digby, Francis Simmons, Jas, McFadden, Ambrose Roe, Thos, Hammond, Sylvester Sober and Frank Ovenshire.

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1. Salem Bible Church 1967
2. This article is provided kindly by Mrs. Charles Hanert, South Lyon, Michigan, a daughter of Mr. Atchison.
3. Myron E. Atchison b 28 Jan 1876 Brighton, MI., came to Salem ca 1880.

I wish to speak a word of praise for the following earnest Christian women who came here regularly with their chilren (grandmother Mrs. Myron Atchison) Mrs. Wilkinson with her six wonderful daughters and two sons, Mrs. Thos. Underhill, Mrs. Columbus Van Horn, Mrs. David Kingsley, Mrs. James Tennant, Mrs. Thos. Smith, Mrs. Eugene Donovan. Samuel Wilkinson and James Palmer, too, regularly walked the distance of two miles from their homes to the church. I recall the Wilkinson daughters, Nellie, Ida, Martha and Mary, all now deceased.

Right here, without casting any reflection on any of the other men mentioned, I wish to speak of Harry Clark, father of Jas. Clark of South Lyon and Mrs. Earl Cobb of Northville. He stands out in my memory as one of the most earnest Christian workers. He was always present at the services and if the roads were too bad for the horses, he would walk the three miles. He was always ready to teach his class or act as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Thos. Lane or Myron Knapp were teachers of the men's class , and Irvin Van Atta or my brother Russell, or Reuben Ovenshire were usually secretary of the Sunday School.

About the first thing that stands out in my memory is the first choir. Tisdale Walker was the tenor singer and chorister. Mrs. Dr. Walker, or Jane Ann as all called her, was the organist. Dr. Walker and A.F.VanAtta sang bass; Mrs. A.F. VanAtta alto; Mrs. Geo. Van Atta (Fora is with us today)and Mrs. Nate Smith, soprano. This old church just trembled with the volume of their voices.

This church had its troubles, also. There was a church trial and the victim this time was a very public spirited man, but possessed with too much energy to suit the church officials. He always came to church in the morning but in the afternoon...well that was the trouble. I used to work for him, in fact all the boys and young men of the neighborhood did. I once heard him say that if he had his way, he would have more working days in the week, or more hours in the day. I could tell many of his generous deeds and acts of kindness. He was a good man but because of his Sunday work he had to go, but when he did he took quite a few families with him to the Congregational Church of Salem.

Still this church grew and many times was too small to hold the crowds. I have seen the balcony full, and also the aisles. A large row of sheds would not accommodate all the horses.

A new choir came into being, led by Erastus and David Perkins (Floyd Perkins' father and uncle). Some thought they were even better than the first choir. They were nice singers and kept a nice harmonius choir for many years.My sister Addie was given a purse containing ten dollars at the end of her tenth year of playing the organ.

I believe the first preacher I can remember was Elder Ramsdell, then Elder Mills, Elder Crane, Elder Bird, Elder Shier, Elder Benton, Elder Coffin, Elder Lyon.

A Mr. Horton was a powerful evangelist and had many converts, and many joined the church through his preaching. I think about fifteen young folks joined the church at the time I did, and Clyde Van Atta was on his knees beside me. We were on our knees all the way around the altar and water was not as scarce then as now. When the preacher baptized me he dipped both his hands in the pail and dropped the water on my head. Clyde snickered, perhaps others did, too, but as I arose my mother was wiping her eyes.

I recall one particular Christmas program. I was eight years old. There was lots of snow on the ground, and the church was packed-full balcony and aisles. All the first three rows of seats were full of small children. The Christmas tree reached clear to the ceiling and it seemed to me that every branch and twig had a present hanging from it. These presents were cheap but useful. There were plenty of oranges and pop corn. My grandfather shouted "Here come Santa", and the sleigh bells began to jingle, and, crouching up the aisle came a large man in a buffalohide overcoat, red hat and white whiskers. He was all covered with snow and I shook like a leaf in the wind. What a wonderful time we had! This Santa Claus turned out to be Sewell Bennett.

My first Sunday School teacher was Mrs. David Perkins, followed by Mrs. Ovenshire, Mrs. Highland, Erastus Perkins, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hooper.

My own mother taught the young ladies' class over in that corner for about fifteen years, and I am sure she was never absent nor late, unless ill.

We used to have Sunday School concerts every three months. The Sunday School of this church would go to the Lapham or Leland school and all united in a wonderful program of songs, recitations and essays, and such singing! The carriages, surreys, wagons and sleighs would line the roads for nearly a quarter of a mile, besides filling the sheds and hitching posts. In the winter months there would be oyster suppers; in the spring maple sugar and syrup parties and social, and always a strawberry ice cream festival.

I remember going to one at Sylvester Sober's, where Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nelson now live (in the house that burned). People were eating strawberries and ice cream at a long table. My brother Fred, Leon Ovenshire, Irvin Johnson and myself were looking in the window longingly. Leon said, " I bet when I get in there it won't take me as long as that Fred Sober."

There were many Baptist families in this neighborhood. My father was the only Methodist in a family of eight brothers and sisters. The Everett family were Baptists, but Ambrose broke away because he said we had all the pretty girls. Many romances began at this church. I could name quite a few. I started mine at the Leland Church.

This congregation began to dwindle after awhile, as there were two nice churches at Salem, and two nice churches in South Lyon. Times were hard and it was hard to pay a preacher. Soon after the beginning of this century, as autos came in style, the crowd could not be held. Well, my mother always wanted me to preach, so I thought to myself, "Now is my chance; the crowd is small, maybe I can slip in and do a little preaching; I can do the singing; I would enjoy calling on the sisters and I did like chicken dinners. But what about the praying? Well, I was stuck, so---thanks for listenin'.

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QUERIES

HIPKISS
HOSKYNS
PALMER

Seeking recs for Edwin Bennett Hoskyns b 1804 Eng m 1845 Dexter MI d 24 Aug 184?. Wf Margaret b 1818 Ireland m(2) Thomas W. Palmer. Ch of Edwin B. Hoskyns: Caroline b 1836; John b 1837; Chandos b 4 Apr 1838 Pinckney MI d 18 Apr 1929 Alden NY m Mary Ann Hipkiss; Lucy b 1842; Bennett b 1847. Would like to know Margaret's maiden name, and vital stats on whole family.
...Wesley F. Hoskyns 12 Chesham Way Fairport NY 14450

STAGGS
STEVENS

Would like to know death dates and burial of parents of Jesse Stevens who was b 1829 Salem Twp. and to contact others researching this family. A Joseph Stevens came to Salem in 1826, and a William Stevens is a landowner in Sec 28 Salem in 1856.
...Donna L. Staggs 39760 Red Arrow Hwy. Paw Paw MI 49079

McQUIVEY, McWETHY, McWITHEY, QUIVEY, WEETHEE, WETHEY, WETHY, WITHEE, WITHEY, WITHY

Researching these fams - any place, any time period. Have much info, will gladly share.
...Barbara Snow 1508 Marlborough Ann Arbor MI 48104

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Note: A reminder to those writing GSWC for research help- the Washtenaw Co. Clerk's Office HAS CLOSED VITAL RECORDS TO ALL SEARCHERS. The only way you can get this information is to write to the Clerk, P.O.Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Send $8.00 per record and all pertinent information you have. This will pay for a 3 year search and a certified copy, if the record is found. Birth records are available only to the individual of record,or his heirs or guardians.

GSWC continues to invite queries. The research committee may be able to help you with vital statistics using the Pioneer File and other secondary sources.

BLADES BROOKS BURRELL HOOKER PETTEYS, RUST, WELLER, WYKES	Int in published fam hists on any of these families. Early res of Hamburg, Livingston Co MI and Augusta Twp Washtenaw Co.Res Comm referred Mr. Brooks to Livingston Co Hist Soc., 107 E. Grand River, Howell MI 48843, which has just publ reprints of three old Liv Co atlases; and the 1880 Liv Co Hist, all indexed. Also located info esp re Rust family in Augusta Twp. Mr. Brooks sent many charts and will be glad to share info. ...Roger A. Brooks 1671 Pinehurst Ave. St. Paul MN 55116
CONGDON FULLER HARDING STANDISH WEIGOLD	Would like info re Daniel Hubbard Fuller b 17 Mar 1839 East Haddam CT; d 29 May 1918; m 14 Feb 1870 Julia E.Congdon, dtr Elisha, a founder of Chelsea Vill, & a desc of Miles Standish. Bur Oak Grove Cem, Chelsea. Res Comm and Harold Jones found a good deal for Mrs. Weigold, esp in Harold's well-kept files at the McKune Library in Chelsea. ...Mrs. Isabel B. Weigold, Red Oak Hill, W. Willington CT 06279
CRUZEN VAN HORN MATTHEWS	Would like to exchange info with persons searching these three surnames. ...Shirley Cruzen Stevens, 2636 Sequoia Pkwy Ann Arbor MI 48103
CLARK STROMBO PARTLOW	Andrew Clark in Salem Twp 1850 Census,"turner of wood", b ca 1816 NY; m Frances, b ca 1820 NY; Ch, all b MI: Jason, 1840; Melvill, 1843; Albert, 1847. Also liv w family in 1850 Lewis Partlow b ca 1838 PA. Would like to contact anyone int in this fam. ...Mrs. Cathryn Strombo, SR-1, Box 4300 Superior MT 59872
COX DECKER HODGES MEAD SEELEY SWARTHOUT	Would like to know more about Dr. Nathaniel Hodges, neighbor of Alanson Seeley in 1850 Northfield Twp Census. Seeley was b 1815 Sussex Co NJ d 11 Apr 1866 MI m 1847 at Waterloo or Junius NY Clarinda Hodges. Son John m Mary Elizabeth Swarthout of Seneca Co NY; she m 1st Henry Harrison Hodges in 1865. Also int in Deckers & Meads who intermarried w Seeley's. Nancy Krohn, who is a Decker, is working with Mrs. Cox on these families. ...Marianne G. Cox (Mrs. Rob'tG.) 4250 Darling Rd. Rives Jct MI 49277
COOPER HARRISON McVAY PETTIBONE REEVES SCHOFIELD NEWBERRY NORRIS	Int in James Schofield b 1805-10 NY, oldest child of Benjamin (b 1777 Romulus NY) & Sally Ann (Newberry) Schofield. Res Ovid NY, Hoboken NY, Warwick NJ 1810; ca 1820 to Strongsville, Cuyahoga Co OH. Par d there. 1834 James bot lot # 310 in Vill of Ypsilanti from Mark & Rowena Norris; sold part to Samuel M. Cooper 1837. James m Amy Reeves b ca 1807 NY d 16 Oct 1884. James d 30 Sep 1845; Amy m(2) 14 Nov 1845 Samuel Pettibone who was Co surveyor 1847-49. Ch of James & Amy: Benjamin David who mar 1 Oct 1847 in AA; Amy who m Joseph Harrison res Ypsilanti. ...Marian L. McVay (Mrs. Edward F.) 10011 Lake Jackson Dr. Manassas VA 22110.